

Breastfeeding

Percentage (%) of new mothers who reported the following reasons for not continuing breastfeeding

Survey Question 57: What were your reasons for stopping breastfeeding?

	Percentage ¹	95% CI ²	Respondents ³	Estimated Population Affected ⁴
I thought I was not producing enough milk or my milk dried up.	55.4	50.9 - 59.8	334	31,556
My baby had difficulty latching or nursing.	29.4	25.5 - 33.7	163	16,744
Breast milk alone did not satisfy my baby	29.3	25.4 - 33.6	158	16,670
I went back to work or school.	16.7	13.6 - 20.3	91	9,511
My nipples were sore, cracked, or bleeding.	16.7	13.5 - 20.4	84	9,489
It was too hard, painful, or too time consuming.	15.7	12.8 - 19.2	89	8,948
I had too many other household duties.	9.2	6.9 - 12.0	53	5,218
I got sick or I had to stop for medical reasons.	8.2	6.0 - 11.2	44	4,677
I thought my baby was not gaining enough weight.	7.8	5.7 - 10.6	44	4,463
I felt it was the right time to stop breastfeeding.	6.9	4.9 - 9.6	39	3,934
My baby was jaundiced (yellowing of the skin or whites of the eyes).	4.5	2.9 - 6.7	25	2,541

¹Percentage = Weighted percentage of Illinois mothers giving birth to live infants in 2015 who responded Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator²CI = confidence interval

-- Indicates denominator <30 respondents

³Respondents (N) = Total number of mothers who responded Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator⁴Estimated Population Affected = Estimated number of Illinois mothers giving birth in 2015 who would respond Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator